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PROCESSOR
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, having a shortened statutory period expiring on January 22, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth below.

No amendments to the Specification or Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.